GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2161
ANSWERED ON:05.08.2003
GRANT OF HARD AREA ALLOWANCE TO THE EMPLOYEES OF A & N
BISHNU PADA RAY

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the A&N Administration had submitted a proposal for grant of Hard Area Allowance to the employees posted in the Tribal areas of Nicobar District;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which approval of Hard Area Allowance is likely to be communicated to the employees of A&N Administration?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSO PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The proposal relates to grant of Hard Area Allowance @ 25% of the basic pay to the employees of the Andaman & Nicobar Administration on there being posted in Nicobar Group of Islands.

(c): The Andaman & Nicobar Administration has been asked to clarify certain aspects of the proposal. It is, therefore, difficult to indicate any firm time-frame within which a final decision in the matter can be taken.